Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—May I know the qualification of the present incumbent?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon:—He is an M. A. of the Madras University and holds an Hons. Diploma in Co-operation in Manchester.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—Has he also the benefit of extended travels in countries where co-operation is very successfully worked?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon:—I think he has.

125. Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there were other candidates than the present officiating gentleman for the post of Registrar of Co-operative Societies;

(b) if so, who are they and what are their qulifications;

(c) did the late Diwan recommend any of them for the Registrar's post in preference to the present incumbent;

(d) whether the retiring Registrar had any foreign degrees or diplomas?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:— (a) Yes.

(b) (1) Mr. Mulloth Balakrishna Menon, B. Sc., (Hons.) (Wales.)

(2) Dr. C. C. Mathew, M. A., Ph. D. (Columbia) Dip. Ed.

(3) Mr. P. Krishnan Nambiyar, B. A.

(4) Mr. Edakunny Krishna Warrier, M. A., B. Sc. (Econ.) London.

(5) Dr. K. B. Menon, M. A., Ph. D.

(c) Government are not prepared to disclose what recommendations were made by the Diwan.

(d) No.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—(c) May I know why?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:—The nature of the recommendation is confidential and therefore it could not be disclosed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—May I know whether any of the gentlemen mentioned here have special training in co-operation?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:—Notice.

Mr P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—Is not the present incumbent one who had the benefit of special training in Co-operation?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:—He had, certainly. His work has been testified by the late Registrar, and he had been working as the Secretary of Mr. Devadhar.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—Was he not also given study leave to prosecute his higher studies in Western countries?

Mr. T. S.Narayana Ayyar:—I want notice.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon:—I was given study leave when I went to England.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—May I know also whether the principle underlying the grant of study leave is with a view to get better qualified men for the department?

Mr. T. S.Narayana Ayyar:— Certainly, that is one of the principles underlying.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— May I know whether any of the gentlemen mentioned in (b) belongs to that category?

Mr. T. S.Narayana Ayyar:— I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— In the making of public appointments where is the necessity to treat things as confidential?

Mr. T. S.Narayana Ayyar:— There is no confidence in the publication of those things. Various matters will have to be disclosed which, in the interests of the public, could not be disclosed.

126. Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether there was any one in the Co-operative Department drawing higher salary than the present officiating Registrar when he was appointed to officiate;

(b) if so, who are they;

(c) what is their pay;

(d) how long they have been in the Department?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon:— (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) Mr. P. Krishnan Nambiyar on Rs. 80. (As Secretary, Central Co-operative Bank, he draws Rs. 150. His lien has been suspended.)

Mr. K. S.Narayana Ayyar, Head clerk on Rs. 80.

Mr. A. Rama Pisharodi, Inspector on Rs. 68.

(d) Mr. P. Krishnan Nambiyar nearly 17 years.

Mr. K. S. Narayana Ayyar 15 „

Mr. A. Rama Pisharodi 3 „

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— May I take that the services of Mr. Krishnan Nambiyar mentioned here has been lent to the Co-operative Central Bank?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon:— Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— When the services of an officer belonging to a department are lent to another department

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